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SUBJECT: OIL AND HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES CONTINGENCY PLANNING

REFS: A. MEXICO 7842

B. TORREY-ZWEIFEL OCTOBER 18 TELECON.

1. DURING COURSE OF OCTOBER 16 CONVERSATION (REFTEL A), EMBOFFS RAISED SUBJECT OF PROPOSED CONTINGENCY PLAN TO COVER ACCIDENTS INVOLVING HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES AND OIL SPILLS. MEXICAN INTERLOCUTORS IMMEDIATELY NOTED THAT THIS SUBJECT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED ON PREVIOUS OCCASIONS. ROSENZWEIG-DIAZ STATED THAT ANY MISADVENTURES ALONG BOUNDARY PROBABLY COULD BE HANDLED EITHER THROUGH IBWC OR, PERHAPS, THROUGH EXISTING DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT. IN EVENT OF OPEN OCEAN ACCIDENT, ROSENZWEIG EXPRESSED OPINION THAT NAVY WOULD BE THE PROPER GOM INSTRUMENT TO HANDLE SITUATION, IMPLYING THAT THIS COULD BE ARRANGED ON AN AD HOC BASIS.

2. COMMENT: IT WAS APPARENT THAT FONSECRETARIAT CONTINUES TO GIVE VERY LOW PRIORITY CONSIDERATION TO PROPOSED CONTINGENCY PLAN (MEXICO 6667). FURTHERMORE, IT WAS EVIDENT
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THAT ROSENZWEIG AND CABRERA DID NOT THINK THIS A PROPER

TOPIC FOR DISCUSSION AT NOVEMBER MEETING OF JOINT WORKING GROUP. (BASED ON SCICOUNS CONVERSATIONS WITH VIZCAINO MURRAY, SMA EVIDENTLY IS MORE RECEPTIVE TO DISCUSSION OF THIS TOPIC.)

3. IT IS CURIOUS THAT ROSENZWEIG SHOULD THINK IN TERMS OF DISASTER RELIEF ASSISTANCE AGREEMENT, ESPECIALLY GIVEN HIS RECENTLY EXPRESSED ATTITUDE THAT THAT AGREEMENT IS, AND SHOULD REMAIN, ESSENTIALLY DORMANT SO FAR AS GOM IS CONCERNED (MEXICO 7430).
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